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dated 22d August, 1854, or at any-other time, or
to any other person or persons, securing to him
or them "the exclusive right of making gas from
wood," and whether any such claim was made by
W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent,
which letters patent were issued bearing the
above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's
claims are believed to be c nfined to his apparatus; and, further, this office is not aware that a
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